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To: Deputy Director, Intelligence Community
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From: [redacted] Chief
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Subject: Signed Letter of Invitation to SSCI
Hearing on 20 November

Attached is the signed copy of the subject letter, a draft of which was provided to you earlier. Ed Levine hopes to have a draft of the invitation to the hearing on 4 December ready sometime later today or tomorrow.

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IN RESPONSE PLEASE
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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bill:

The Select Committee will continue its hearings on counterintelligence and security with a session on November 20, 1985, at 9:30 a.m. in Room SH-219 of the Hart Senate Office Building. We would like to concentrate on personnel and information security at this hearing.

Earlier this year, concern about the Walker espionage case led to the establishment of the Defense Department Security Review Commission, chaired by General Richard Stilwell, and a task force on information security formed by the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, Steven Garfinkel. We understand that these studies have been completed and would like to have General Stilwell and Mr. Garfinkel present their findings and recommendations at this hearing. Both studies are likely to have significant national policy implications.

In preparing a joint agenda for action on cooperation with the Administration, we will also benefit from learning the views of various elements of the Executive Branch. In particular, we would like to have representatives of the Defense Department and the intelligence community present whatever views they may have on these issues. Any other views the Administration wishes to have considered, such as from representatives of the Office of Personnel Management or the Department of Justice, are also welcome.

As we testified before the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations last month, the Select Committee has been considering the need for a comprehensive and integrated security program to protect the information and activities that have the

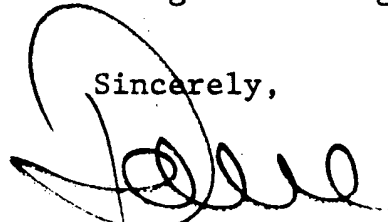
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greatest strategic importance. A permanent structure for planning and analysis could be a focal point for the various overlapping forums that now divide responsibility for security policy. We see merit in the proposal of the Commission on Government Security nearly thirty years ago to abolish the "confidential" classification. We are also looking at more stringent personnel security requirements for positions with access to the most sensitive information, including regular financial reports; prior notice of all foreign travel; high personal reliability standards enforced by superiors; a clearance policy that selects the most qualified personnel, rather than merely weeding out the worst; and a strong inspection system. We may consider legislation to apply to such positions post-employment obligations and perhaps revised criminal penalties. On the fiscal side, a better balance may be needed between high-cost research on technical security projects and the current funding of research on personnel and information security.

Please let us know as soon as possible the names of those witnesses who will represent the Defense Department and the Intelligence Community, as well as any others the Administration would like us to hear.

Thank you for your help in making the arrangements for these hearings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Durenberger', with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

Dave Durenberger
Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pat', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Patrick J. Leahy
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